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DOJ,

I want Microsoft to organize and conduct business that benefits America's technological growth. Do not impair Microsoft's ability to develop and market any product, including operating systems, internet software, professional and enterprise development software.

I write software using Microsoft products in the course of my work. I think Microsoft products are far easier to use and far better integrated than any other programming software. As a result, it is much easier to create better software at far less cost. Other companies that utilize the Microsoft development environment, such as Compaq Visual Fortran, enable programmers to quickly expand skills to other programming languages.

I'm a self taught Visual Basic and Visual Fortran programmer. I'm developing a Windows application with Office integration for cooling flow analysis of gas turbine engines. It consists of a customized database, viewers for drawings, drawing annotation of flow circuits, test data reduction, plotting test data and engine performance analysis. I've developed prototype software and demonstrated a 300 percent productivity improvement over existing software processes. In some instances the productivity improvement approaches 1000 percent. Moreover, I'm writing the software in a fraction of the time it would take to create similar engineering software for a Unix workstation.

I'm recommending to my management that Honeywell develop more engineering software using Microsoft development tools. Furthermore, I'm recommending Windows operating system upgrades. I'm an engineer at Honeywell Engines & Systems, a manufacturer of gas turbine engines. Our industry is highly competitive with product development cycles four years long and very costly. We must have higher productivity to stay in business. I solely credit Microsoft for enabling me to achieve high levels of engineering design and analysis productivity.

Thank you for soliciting my opinion,

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